Component Analysis

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What do you have to know in last lesson?

- Concepts
  - Random variable: $x$
  - (Bayesian) Probability: $P(x)$
    - Condition ~, Joint ~, and Marginal Probability
  - Density function $f(x)$, Distribution, Gaussian (normal) distribution
  - Expectation, Mean, Variance, Moments
  - Likelihood, Prior, Posterior
What do you have to know in last lesson?

- MLE, Bayesian reasoning, Bayes law, MAP
  - Conjugate distribution, beta distribution, gamma function

- Regression
  - Over fitting
  - Regularization
Regression revisit: Polynomial Curve Fitting

\[ y(x, w) = w_0 + w_1 x + w_2 x^2 + \ldots + w_M x^M = \sum_{j=0}^{M} w_j x^j \]

Matrix form

\[ y = \mathbf{P}(x) \cdot \mathbf{w} \]

Least squares

\[ \arg \min_{\mathbf{w}} \| y - \mathbf{P}(x) \cdot \mathbf{w} \|^2 \]

Normal equation

\[ \mathbf{w} = (\mathbf{P}^T \mathbf{P})^{-1} \mathbf{P}^T y \]
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\[ w = (H^T H)^{-1} H^T y \]
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\[ h_j(x) = \begin{cases} 
\cos\left(\frac{1}{2} jx\right) & \text{if } j \text{ is even} \\
\sin\left(\frac{1}{2} (j + 1)x\right) & \text{if } j \text{ is odd} 
\end{cases} \]

Fourier series (orthogonal decomposition)

\[ w = (H^T H)^{-1} H^T y = H^T y \]

Normal equation
Fourier Transform

- A mathematical operation
  - decomposes a signal (data sequence) into its constituent frequencies

\[
\hat{f}(\xi) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x) e^{-2\pi i x \xi} \, dx, \quad f(x) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \hat{f}(\xi) e^{2\pi i x \xi} \, d\xi,
\]

- Related techniques: Different basis functions
  - (discrete) cosine transform, wavelet transform

- Image / Video compression:
  - JPEG/JPEG 2000, MPEG (1/2/4), H.263/264
Data compression = spectral transforms?

- Goal: choosing suitable transforms, so as to obtain high “information packing”.
  - Raw data => Meaningful features.
  - Unsupervised/Automatic methods.

- To exploit and remove information redundancies via transform.
Feature extraction

- Data independent
  - DFT, DWT, DCT
  - A single piece of signal

- Spectral analysis

Two-component model has the form

\[
\hat{f}(\lambda) = \bar{x} + \lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2
\]

= \text{constant} + \lambda_1 \cdot \text{Low frequency component} + \lambda_2 \cdot \text{High frequency component}

\[
y = \begin{bmatrix}
y_0 \\
y_1 \\
\vdots \\
y_d
\end{bmatrix}_{d \times 1}
\]
Feature extraction

- Data independent
  - DFT, DWT, DCT
    - A single piece of signal

- Data dependent
  - PCA, K-PCA, R-PCA, Factor Analysis, LDA, MDS, …
    - A set of signals (images, motion data, shapes, …)

- Key: define desirable transforms
  - Data driven
  - Raw data => Feature space
Digit data

130 threes, a subset of 638 such threes and part of the
handwritten digit dataset. Each “three” is a $16 \times 16$ grayscale
image, and the variables $x_j, j = 1, \ldots, 256$ are the grayscale
values for each pixel.
Digit: rank-2 model for threes

Two-component model has the form

\[ \hat{f}(\lambda) = \bar{x} + \lambda_1 v_1 + \lambda_2 v_2 \]

\[ = 3 + \lambda_1 \cdot \begin{array} \hbox{3} \end{array} + \lambda_2 \cdot \begin{array} \hbox{3} \end{array}. \]

Here we have displayed the first two principal component directions, \( v_1 \) and \( v_2 \), as images.

\[
y = \begin{pmatrix} y_0 \\ y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_d \end{pmatrix}_{d \times 1} \approx \begin{pmatrix} x_0 \\ x_1 \\ \vdots \\ x_d \end{pmatrix}_{d \times 1} + w_1 \begin{pmatrix} h_1(x_0) \\ h_1(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ h_1(x_d) \end{pmatrix}_{d \times 1} + w_2 \begin{pmatrix} h_2(x_0) \\ h_2(x_1) \\ \vdots \\ h_2(x_d) \end{pmatrix}_{d \times 1}.
\]

\[
y \approx \bar{x} + w_1 x_1 + w_2 x_2 =: X^T w
\]

\[
\arg \min_{X,w} \| y - X^T w \|
\]
**Apply to data set**

\[
\arg \min_{x,w} \left\| y - X^T w \right\|
\]

\[
\arg \min_{x,w} \left\| Y - X^T W \right\|
\]

\[
Y = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 & y_2 & \cdots & y_N \end{pmatrix}_{d \times N} \quad y_i \in E^d
\]

\[
W = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 & w_2 & \cdots & w_N \end{pmatrix}_{p \times N} \quad w_i \in E^p
\]

\[
X = \begin{pmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_d \end{pmatrix}_{p \times d}
\]

- \(d\): data dimension
- \(p\): feature dimension
- \(N\): number of data examples
Data driven problem

- Given data $Y$
  - find transform $x$ as well as feature $w$
  
  $$\arg\min_{x,w} \| Y - X^T W \|_F$$

- Straightforward solution:
  - Fix $w$, solve $X$ by LSQ; then fix $X$, solve $w$ LSQ ...
  - Not good!
Solution:

**Singular Value Decomposition**

Let \( \hat{Y} \) be the centered \( d \times N \) data matrix (assume \( N > d \)).

\[
\sum_i y_i = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad Y = \begin{pmatrix}
y_{1,1} & y_{2,1} & \cdots & y_{N,1} \\
y_{1,2} & y_{2,2} & \cdots & y_{N,2} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
y_{1,d} & y_{2,d} & \cdots & y_{N,d}
\end{pmatrix}_{d \times N}
\]

is the SVD of \( \hat{Y} \), where

- \( U \) is \( d \times d \) orthogonal, the left singular vectors.
- \( V \) is \( N \times N \) orthogonal, the right singular vectors.
- \( S \) is \( d \times N \) diagonal, with \( s_1 \geq s_2 \geq \ldots \geq s_d \geq 0 \), the singular values.

- The SVD always exists, and is unique up to signs.
- The columns of \( V \) are the principal components.
Solution: **Singular Value Decomposition**

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y_{1,2} & y_{2,2} & \cdots & y_{N,2} \\
\vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\
y_{1,d} & y_{2,d} & \cdots & y_{N,d}
\end{pmatrix}_{d \times N}
\]

Singular values

Unitary Matrices

\[
\text{arg min}_{X,W} \left\| Y - X^TW \right\|
\]

\[
X = U^T, \quad W = SV
\]
Simple example: Singular Value Decomposition

- From wiki
Why SVD works?

Let $S_p$ be $S$ with all but the first $p$ diagonal elements set to zero. Then $\hat{Y}_p = U S_p V^T$ solves

$$\min_{\text{rank}(\hat{Y}_p) = p} \| \hat{Y} - \hat{Y}_q \|$$
Why SVD works? (cont.)

- **Low-rank matrix approximation**
  - Find $\tilde{Y}$, $\min \| Y - \tilde{Y} \|_F$ s.t. $\text{rank}(\tilde{Y}) = p$

- **Quick proof:**
  - Equivalent to $\min \| S - U^T \tilde{Y} V \|_F$
  - Matrix $T = U^T \tilde{Y} V = \text{diag}(t_1, \ldots, t_p)$ must be diagonal.

\[
\min ||S - T||^2_F = \sum_{i=1}^{p} (s_i - t_i)^2 + \sum_{i=p+1}^{d} s_i^2
\]

- It follows that $t_i = s_i, i = 1, \ldots, p$, $\tilde{Y} = U \tilde{S} V^T$
Why it works? (cont.)

- Matrix decomposition (the inductive method)
  - When $p=1$

$$\tilde{Y} = s_1 u_1 v_1^T = s_1 \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} \\ u_{12} \\ \vdots \\ u_{1d} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_{11} & v_{12} & \cdots & v_{1N} \end{pmatrix}$$

- In general: $$\tilde{Y} = \sum_{i=1}^{p} s_i u_i v_i^T$$
How to compute

- Matrix decomposition:
  - Mainly used in matlab, clapack:

- Relation to eigenvalue decomposition:

$$Z := Y^T Y = V S U^T U S V^T = V S^2 V^T$$

$$Z V = S^2 V$$

- The columns of $V$ (right singular vectors) are eigenvectors of $Z$
Compute eigen-
(vectors and values)

- Eigen problem \( Z \mathbf{v} = \lambda \mathbf{v} \)
- Characteristic polynomial

\[
det(Z - \lambda I) = 0
\]

- Iterative method (when matrix is very huge)
  - Simplest method: \( \mathbf{v}^{(n+1)} = Z \mathbf{v}^{(n)} \)
  - Mostly used method: **Lanczos method**
Principle component analysis

- Given data $Y$
  - find transform $X$ as well as feature $W$
    \[
    \text{arg min}_{X,W} \| Y - X^T W \|_F
    \]
    \[
    X = U^T, W = SV
    \]

- Given a new data $y_{\text{new}}$ we fix transform $X$, then:
  \[
  w_{\text{new}} = \begin{pmatrix}
  w_1 \\
  w_2 \\
  \vdots \\
  w_p
\end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix}
  u_1 \cdot y_{\text{new}} \\
  u_2 \cdot y_{\text{new}} \\
  \vdots \\
  u_p \cdot y_{\text{new}}
\end{pmatrix}
  \]
  $u_1, u_2, \ldots, u_p$
  are principle components (rows of $X$)
PCA: An Intuitive Approach

Let us say we have \( x_i, \ i=1\ldots N \) data points in \( d \) dimensions (\( d \) is large)

If we want to represent the data set by a single point \( x_0 \), then

\[
x_0 = m = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i \quad \text{Sample mean}
\]

Can we justify this choice mathematically?

\[
J_0 (x_0) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left\| x_i - x_0 \right\|^2
\]

It turns out that if you minimize \( J_0 \), you get the above solution, viz., sample mean

Source: Chapter 3 of [DHS]
Representing the data set \( x_i, i=1\ldots N \) by its mean is quite uninformative.

So let’s try to represent the data by a straight line of the form:

\[
x = m + w e
\]

This is equation of a straight line that says that it passes through \( m \).

\( e \) is a unit vector along the straight line.

And the signed distance of a point \( x \) from \( m \) is \( w \).

The training points projected on this straight line would be

\[
x_i = m + w_i e, \quad i = 1 \ldots N
\]
Let's now determine $w_i$'s

$$J_1(w_1, w_2, \cdots, w_N, e) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \| m + w_i e - x_i \|^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i^2 \| e \|^2 - 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i e^T (x_i - m) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \| x_i - m \|^2$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i^2 - 2 \sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i e^T (x_i - m) + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \| x_i - m \|^2$$

Partially differentiating with respect to $w_i$ we get:

$$w_i = e^T (x_i - m)$$

Plugging in this expression for $w_i$ in $J_1$ we get:

$$J_1(e) = - \sum_{i=1}^{N} e^T (x_i - m)(x_i - m)^T e + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \| x_i - m \|^2 = -e^T S e + \sum_{i=1}^{N} \| x_i - m \|^2$$

where

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (x_i - m)(x_i - m)^T$$

is called the scatter matrix.
So minimizing $J_1$ is equivalent to maximizing: $e^T S e$

Subject to the constraint that $e$ is a unit vector: $e^T e = 1$

Use Lagrange multiplier method to form the objective function:

$$e^T S e - \lambda (e^T e - 1)$$

Differentiate to obtain the equation:

$$2 S e - 2 \lambda e = 0$$

or

$$S e = \lambda e$$

Solution is that $e$ is the eigenvector of $S$ corresponding to the largest eigenvalue
PCA: An Intuitive Approach…

The preceding analysis can be extended in the following way.

Instead of projecting the data points on to a straight line, we may now want to project them on a \( d \)-dimensional plane of the form:

\[
x = \mathbf{m} + w_1 \mathbf{e}_1 + \cdots + w_p \mathbf{e}_p
\]

\( d \) is much smaller than the original dimension \( p \)

In this case one can form the objective function:

\[
J_p = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \| (\mathbf{m} + \sum_{k=1}^{p} w_{ik} \mathbf{e}_k) - \mathbf{x}_i \|^2
\]

It can also be shown that the vectors \( \mathbf{e}_1, \mathbf{e}_2, \ldots, \mathbf{e}_p \) are \( p \) eigenvectors corresponding to \( p \) largest eigen values of the scatter matrix

\[
S = \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{m})(\mathbf{x}_i - \mathbf{m})^T
\]
PCA: Visually

Data points are represented in a rotated orthogonal coordinate system: the origin is the mean of the data points and the axes are provided by the eigenvectors.
Computation of PCA

- In practice we compute PCA via SVD (singular value decomposition)
- Form the centered data matrix:
  \[ X_{d \times N} = [(x_1 - m) \cdots (x_N - m)] \]
- Compute its SVD:
  \[ X = U_{d,d} D_{d,d} (V_{N,d})^T \]
  - \( U \) and \( V \) are orthogonal matrices,
  - \( D \) is a diagonal matrix
Computation of PCA...

- Note that the scatter matrix can be written as:

\[ S = (X - m)(X - m)^T = UD^2U^T \]

- So the eigenvectors of \( S \) are the columns of \( U \) and the eigenvalues are the diagonal elements of \( D^2 \)

- Take only a few significant eigenvalue-eigenvector pairs \( p<<d \); The new reduced dimension representation becomes:

\[ \tilde{x}_i = m + U_{d,p} (U_{d,p})^T (x_i - m) \]
Computation of PCA…

- Sometimes we are given only a few high dimensional data points, \( i.e., \ d \gg N \) (mostly in image processing)
- In such cases compute the SVD of \( X^T \):

\[
X^T = V_{N,N} D_{N,N} (U_{p,N})^T
\]

- So that we get:

\[
X = U_{p,N} D_{N,N} (V_{N,N})^T
\]

- Then, proceed as before, choose only \( p < N \) significant eigenvalues for data representation:

\[
\tilde{x}_i = m + U_{p,d} (U_{p,d})^T (x_i - m)
\]
PCA: A Gaussian Viewpoint

\[ x \sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{(2\pi)^d |\Sigma|}} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2}(x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu)\right) = \prod_{i=1}^{d} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_i} \exp\left(-\frac{(u_i^T (x - \mu))^2}{2\sigma_i^2}\right), \]

where the covariance matrix \( \Sigma \) is estimated from the scatter matrix as \((1/N)S\). 

\( u \)'s and \( \sigma \)'s are respectively eigenvectors and eigenvalues of \( S \).

If \( d \) is large, then we need an even larger number of data points to estimate the covariance matrix. So, when a limited number of training data points is available the estimation of the covariance matrix goes quite wrong. This is known as curse of dimensionality in this context.

To combat curse of dimensionality, we discard smaller eigenvalues and be content with:

\[ x \sim \prod_{i=1}^{p} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi} \sigma_i} \exp\left(-\frac{(u_i^T (x - \mu))^2}{2\sigma_i^2}\right), \text{ where } p < \min(d, N) \]
PCA Examples

- Image compression example
- Novelty detection example
- Face recognition
PCA: example
Eigenfaces


- Eigen-X, 😊
Far beyond PCA

- Human bodies in 3D
- Human body representation in image
PCA and dimensional reduction

- Space transform via SVD
  - $Y \rightarrow W$

- Dimension:
  - $d, N >> p$

- Representation
- Errors …
Problems of PCA

- Only suitable for normal distributed data
- More consideration
  - ICA: Independent components.
  - K-PCA: Nonlinear
  - ...
Kernel PCA

- Assumption behind PCA is that the data points $\mathbf{x}$ are multivariate Gaussian

- Often this assumption does not hold

- However, it may still be possible that a transformation $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ is still Gaussian, then we can perform PCA in the space of $\phi(\mathbf{x})$

- Kernel PCA performs this PCA; however, because of “kernel trick,” it never computes the mapping $\phi(\mathbf{x})$ explicitly!
**KPCA: Basic Idea**

![Diagram of linear and kernel PCA](image)

**Fig. 1.** Basic idea of kernel PCA: by using a nonlinear kernel function $k$ instead of the standard dot product, we implicitly perform PCA in a possibly high-dimensional space $F$ which is non-linearly related to input space. The dotted lines are contour lines of constant feature value.
Kernel PCA Formulation

- We need the following fact:

- Let $v$ be an eigenvector of the scatter matrix:

- Then $v$ belongs to the linear space spanned by the data points $x_i$ ($i=1, 2, \ldots, N$).

- Proof: $Sv = \lambda v \Rightarrow v = \frac{1}{\lambda} \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i (x_i^T v) = \sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i x_i$
Kernel PCA Formulation…

• Let $C$ be the scatter matrix of the centered mapping $\phi(x)$:

$$
C = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \varphi(x_i)\varphi(x_i)^T
$$

• Let $L$ be an eigenvector of $C$, then $L$ can be written as a linear combination:

$$
L = \sum_{k=1}^{N} w_k \varphi(x_k)
$$

• Also, we have:

$$
CL = \lambda L
$$

• Combining, we get:

$$
(\sum_{i=1}^{N} \varphi(x_i)\varphi(x_i)^T)(\sum_{k=1}^{N} w_k \varphi(x_k)) = \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{N} w_k \varphi(x_k)
$$
Kernel PCA Formulation...

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{N} \varphi(x_i)\varphi(x_i)^T \sum_{k=1}^{N} w_k \varphi(x_k) = \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{N} w_k \varphi(x_k) \Rightarrow
\]

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \varphi(x_i)\varphi(x_i)^T \varphi(x_k) w_k = \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{N} w_k \varphi(x_k) \Rightarrow
\]

\[
\sum_{i=1}^{N} \sum_{k=1}^{N} \varphi(x_l)^T \varphi(x_i)\varphi(x_i)^T \varphi(x_k) w_k = \lambda \sum_{k=1}^{N} w_k \varphi(x_l)^T \varphi(x_k), \ l = 1, 2, \cdots, N \Rightarrow
\]

\[
K^2 w = \lambda K w \Rightarrow
\]

\[
K w = \lambda w, \text{ where } K_{ij} = \varphi(x_i)^T \varphi(x_j).
\]

Kernel or Gram matrix
Kernel PCA Formulation...

From the eigen equation \( K w = \lambda w \)

And the fact that the eigenvector \( L \) is normalized to 1, we obtain:

\[
\| L \|_2^2 = (\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i \varphi(x_i))^T (\sum_{i=1}^{N} w_i \varphi(x_i)) = w^T K w = 1 \Rightarrow
\]

\[
w^T w = \frac{1}{\lambda}
\]
KPCA Algorithm

Step 1: Compute the Gram matrix:  \( K_{ij} = k(x_i, x_j), \ i, j = 1, \ldots, N \)

Step 2: Compute (eigenvalue, eigenvector) pairs of \( K \):  \( (w^l, \lambda_l), l = 1, \ldots, M \)

Step 3: Normalize the eigenvectors:  \( w^l \leftarrow \frac{w^l}{\lambda_l} \)

Thus, an eigenvector \( w^l \) of \( C \) is now represented as:  \( L^l = \sum_{k=1}^{N} w_k^l \phi(x_k) \)

To project a test feature \( \phi(x) \) onto \( L^l \) we need to compute:

\[
\phi(x)^T L^l = \phi(x)^T \left( \sum_{k=1}^{N} w_k^l \phi(x_k) \right) = \sum_{k=1}^{N} w_k^l k(x_k, x)
\]

So, we never need \( \phi \) explicitly
Feature Map Centering

So far we assumed that the feature map $\phi(x)$ is centered for the data points $x_1, \ldots, x_N$.

Actually, this centering can be done on the Gram matrix without ever explicitly computing the feature map $\phi(x)$.

$$\tilde{K} = (I - 11^T / N) K (I - 11^T / N)$$

is the kernel matrix for centered features, i.e.,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} \phi(x_i) = 0$$

A similar expression exists for projecting test features on the feature eigenspace.

KPCA: USPS Digit Recognition

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Kernel function: \[ k(x, y) = (x^T y)^d \]

Classifier: Linear SVM with features as kernel principal components
\[ N = 3000, \ p = 16\text{-by-16} \text{ image} \]

Robust-Principal Component Analysis

reference

research trends

- Appear in the latest 2008-2009
- Theories are guaranteed and still refining; numerical algorithms are practical for $1000 \times 1000$ matrix (12 second) and still improving; applications not yet expand
- Research background: comes from
  ① matrix completion problem
  ② L1 norm and nuclear norm convex optimization
RPCA: outlines

● Part I: theory

● Part II: numerical algorithm

● Part III: applications
Part I: theory
PCA

- Given a data matrix $M$, assume $M = L_0 + N_0$
  - $L_0$ is a Low-rank matrix
  - $N_0$ is a small and i.i.d. Gaussian noise matrix
- Classical PCA seeks the best (in an L2 norm sense) rank-$k$ estimate of $L_0$ by solving
  \[
  \begin{aligned}
  \text{minimize} \quad & \|M - L\|^2 \\
  \text{subject to} \quad & \text{rank}(L) \leq k
  \end{aligned}
  \]
- It can be solved by SVD
PCA example

- When noise are small Gaussian, PCA does well.

*Samples (red) from a one-dimensional subspace (blue) corrupted by small Gaussian noise. The output of classical PCA (green) is very close to the true subspace despite all samples being noisy.*
Defect of PCA

- When noise are not Gaussian, but appear like spike, i.e. data contains outliers, PCA fails

Samples (red) from a one-dimensional subspace (blue) corrupted by sparse, large errors. The principal component (green) is quite far from the true subspace even when over three-fourths of the samples are uncorrupted.
**RPCA**

- When noise are sparse spikes, another robust model (RPCA) should be built.
- Assume $M = L_0 + S_0$
  
  - $L_0$ is a Low-rank matrix
  - $S_0$ is a **Sparse spikes** noise matrix
- **Problem:** we know $M$ is composed by a low rank and a sparse matrix. Now, we are given $M$ and asked to recover its original two components.
  
  It’s purely a matrix decomposition problem.
ill-posed problem

- We only observe $M$, it’s impossible to know which two matrices add up to be it. So without further assumptions, it can’t be solved:

1. let $A^*$ be any sparse matrix and let $B^* = e_i e_j^T$, another valid sparse-plus-low-rank decomposition might be $\hat{A} = A^* + e_i e_j^T$ and $\hat{B} = 0$

   Thus, the low-rank matrix should be assumed to be not too sparse

2. $B^*$ is any low-rank matrix and $A^* = -ve_1^T$, with $v$ being the first column of $B^*$. A reasonable sparse-plus-low-rank decomposition in this case might be $\hat{B} = B^* + A^*$ and $\hat{A} = 0$

   Thus, the sparse matrix should be assumed to not be low-rank
Assumptions about how $L$ and $S$ are generated

1. Low-rank matrix $L$:
   
   Random orthogonal model. A rank-$k$ matrix $B^* \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ with SVD $B^* = U\Sigma V'$ is constructed as follows: The singular vectors $U, V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ are drawn uniformly at random from the collection of rank-$k$ partial isometries in $\mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$. The choices of $U$ and $V$ need not be mutually independent. No restriction is placed on the singular values.

2. Sparse matrix $S$:
   
   Random sparsity model. The matrix $A^*$ is such that $\text{support}(A^*)$ is chosen uniformly at random from the collection of all support sets of size $m$. There is no assumption made about the values of $A^*$ at locations specified by $\text{support}(A^*)$. 
Under what conditions can $M$ be correctly decomposed?

1. Let the matrices with rank $\leq r(L)$ and with either the same row-space or column-space as $L$ live in a matrix space denoted by $T(L)$.
2. Let the matrices with the same support as $S$ and number of nonzero entries $\leq$ those of $S$ live in a matrix space denoted by $O(S)$.

Then, if $T(L) \cap O(S) = \text{null}$, $M$ can be correctly decomposed.
Detailed conditions

- Various work in 2009 proposed different detailed conditions. They improved on each other, being more and more relaxed.
- Under each of these conditions, they proved that matrix can be precisely or even exactly decomposed.
Conditions involving probability distributions

**Corollary 4.** Suppose that a rank-$k$ matrix $B^* \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is drawn from the random orthogonal model, and that $A^* \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ is drawn from the random sparsity model with $m$ non-zero entries. Given $C = A^* + B^*$, there exists a range of values for $\gamma$ (given by (4.8)) so that $(\hat{A}, \hat{B}) = (A^*, B^*)$ is the unique optimum of the SDP (1.3) with high probability provided

$$m \leq \frac{n^{1.5}}{\log n \sqrt{\max(k, \log n)}}.$$

- for $B$ with rank $k$ smaller than $n$, exact recovery is possible with high probability even when $m$ is super-linear in $n$
The latest condition developed


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\begin{align*}
\text{minimize} & \quad \|L\|_* + \lambda\|S\|_1 \\
\text{subject to} & \quad L + S = M
\end{align*}
\]

\[
\max_i \|U^*e_i\|^2 \leq \frac{\mu r}{n_1}, \quad \max_i \|V^*e_i\|^2 \leq \frac{\mu r}{n_2},
\]

\[
\|UV^*\|_\infty \leq \sqrt{\frac{\mu r}{n_1n_2}}.
\]

**Theorem 1.1** Suppose \(L_0\) is \(n \times n\), obeys (1.2)–(1.3), and that the support set of \(S_0\) is uniformly distributed among all sets of cardinality \(m\). Then there is a numerical constant \(c\) such that with probability at least \(1 - cn^{-10}\) (over the choice of support of \(S_0\)), Principal Component Pursuit (1.1) with \(\lambda = 1/\sqrt{n}\) is exact, i.e. \(\hat{L} = L_0\) and \(\hat{S} = S_0\), provided that

\[
\text{rank}(L_0) \leq \rho_r n \mu^{-1} (\log n)^{-2} \quad \text{and} \quad m \leq \rho_s n^2.
\]

Above, \(\rho_r\) and \(\rho_s\) are positive numerical constants. In the general rectangular case where \(L_0\) is
Brief remarks

- in [5], they prove even if:
  1. the rank of $L$ grows proportional to $O(n/\log^2 n)$
  2. noise in $S$ are of order $O(n^2)$

exact decomposition is feasible
Part II: numerical algorithm
Convex optimization

- In order to solve the original problem, it is reformulated into optimization problem.
- A straightforward propose is
  \[
  \min_{A,E} \text{rank}(A) + \gamma \|E\|_0 \quad \text{subj} \quad A + E = D
  \]
  but it’s not convex and intractable
- Recent advances in understanding of the nuclear norm heuristic for low-rank solutions and the L1 heuristic for sparse solutions suggest
  \[
  \min_{A,E} \|A\|_* + \lambda \|E\|_1 \quad \text{subj} \quad A + E = D
  \]
  which is convex, i.e. exists a unique minima
numerical algorithm

- During just two years, a series of algorithms have been proposed, [4] provides all comparisons, and most codes available at
  http://watt.csl.illinois.edu/~perceive/matrix-rank/sample_code.html

- They include:
  1. Interior point method [1]
  2. Iterative thresholding algorithm
  3. Accelerated Proximal Gradient (APG) [2]
  5. (latest & best) Augmented Lagrange Multiplier (ALM) [3,4] or Alternating Directions Method (ADM) [3,5]
ADM

- Problem

- The corresponding Augmented Lagrangian function is

\[ L(A, B, Z) := \gamma \|A\|_1 + \|B\|_* - \langle Z, A + B - C \rangle + \frac{\beta}{2} \|A + B - C\|^2 \]

- \( Z \in \mathbb{R}^{m\times n} \) is the multiplier of the linear constraint. \( \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle \) is trace inner product for matrix \( \langle X, Y \rangle = \text{trace}(X^TY) \)

- Then, the iterative scheme of ADM is

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\begin{align*}
A^{k+1} &\in \arg\min_{A \in \mathbb{R}^{m\times n}} \{L(A, B^k, Z^k)\}, \\
B^{k+1} &\in \arg\min_{B \in \mathbb{R}^{m\times n}} \{L(A^{k+1}, B, Z^k)\}, \\
Z^{k+1} &= Z^k - \beta (A^{k+1} + B^{k+1} - C),
\end{align*}
\]
Two established facts

To approach the optimization, two well known facts is needed

1. \( S_\varepsilon[W] = \arg \min_X \varepsilon \|X\|_1 + \frac{1}{2} \|X - W\|_F^2 \)

2. \( US_\varepsilon[S]V^T = \arg \min_X \varepsilon \|X\|_* + \frac{1}{2} \|X - W\|_F^2 \)

\( S_\varepsilon \) is the soft thresholding operator

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S_\varepsilon [x] = \begin{cases} 
  x - \varepsilon, & \text{if } x > \varepsilon, \\
  x + \varepsilon, & \text{if } x < -\varepsilon, \\
  0, & \text{otherwise},
\end{cases}
\]

USV\(^T\) is SVD of \( W \)
Optimization solution

- Sparse A with L1 norm
  \[ A^{k+1} = \frac{1}{\beta} Z^k - B^k + C - P_{\Omega^{\gamma/\beta}} \left[ \frac{1}{\beta} Z^k - B^k + C \right] \]
  \[ \Omega^{\gamma/\beta} := \{ X \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} | -\gamma/\beta \leq X_{ij} \leq \gamma/\beta \} \]

- Low-rank B with nuclear norm. Reformulate the objective so that previous fact can be used:
  \[ B^{k+1} = \arg\min_{B \in R_{m \times n}} \left\{ \|B\|_* + \frac{\beta}{2} \|B - [C - A^{k+1} + \frac{1}{\beta} Z^k]\|_2^2 \right\} \]
  \[ B^{k+1} = U^{k+1} \text{diag}(\max\{\sigma_i^{k+1} - \frac{1}{\beta}, 0\}) (V^{k+1})^T \]
  \[ C - A^{k+1} + \frac{1}{\beta} Z^k = U^{k+1} \Sigma^{k+1} (V^{k+1})^T \quad \text{with} \quad \Sigma^{k+1} = \text{diag}(\{\sigma_i^{k+1}\}_{i=1}^r) \]
Final algorithm of ADM

Algorithm: the ADM for SLRMD problem:

Step 1. Generate $A^{k+1}$:

$$A^{k+1} = \frac{1}{\beta} Z^k - B^k + C - P_{\Omega^w/\beta}[\frac{1}{\beta} Z^k - B^k + C].$$

Step 2 Generate $B^{k+1}$:

$$B^{k+1} = U^{k+1} \text{diag}(\max\{\sigma_i^{k+1} - \frac{1}{\beta}, 0\})(V^{k+1})^T,$$

where $U^{k+1}$, $V^{k+1}$ and $\{\sigma_i^{k+1}\}$ are generated by the singular values decomposition of $C - A^{k+1} + \frac{1}{\beta} Z^k$, i.e.,

$$C - A^{k+1} + \frac{1}{\beta} Z^k = U^{k+1} \Sigma^{k+1} (V^{k+1})^T,$$ with $\Sigma^{k+1} = \text{diag}(\{\sigma_i^{k+1}\}_{i=1}^r)$.

Step 3. Update the multiplier:

$$Z^{k+1} = Z^k - \beta(A^{k+1} + B^{k+1} - C).$$
Part III: application
Applications [5]

(1) background modeling from surveillance videos
   ① Airport video
   ② Lobby video with varying illumination

(2) removing shadows and specularities from face images
Airport video

- a video of 200 frames (resolution $176 \times 144 = 25344$ pixels) has a static background, but significant foreground variations
- reshape each frame as a column vector $(25344 \times 1)$ and stack them into a matrix $M$ $(25344 \times 200)$
- Objective: recover the low-rank and sparse components of $M$
Lobby video

- a video of 250 frames (resolution $168 \times 120 = 20160$ pixels) with several drastic illumination changes
- reshape each frame as a column vector ($20160 \times 1$) and stack them into a matrix $M$ ($20160 \times 250$)
- Objective: recover the low-rank and sparse components of $M$